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Where Knuckles and Amy Rose join Team Dark to find the final Master Emerald Shards!

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KNUCKLES
GUARDIAN OF THE MASTER EMERALD

AMY ROSE
HIGH-SPIRITED HEROINE

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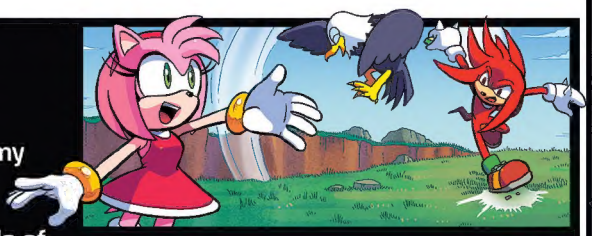
SHADOW, ROUGE & E-123 OMEGA

NIXUS
MYSTERIOUS STRANGER

THE STORY SO FAR...

The Lost & Found

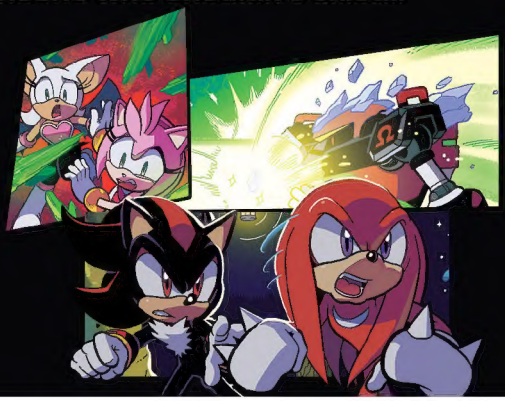


Knuckles and Amy Rose are on the hunt for the remaining shards of the shattered Master Emerald!

Their quest led them to Westside Island and a reunion with Team Dark. The grim heroes are hunting down an alien menace named "Eclipse."

Their combined search took them deep into the heart of the island, where something—or someone—has begun to strike at them from the shadows.

Meanwhile, Knuckles is confronted by someone who shouldn't exist...



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HIDDEN PALACE ZONE, WESTSIDE ISLAND
AMY ROSE HERO IN DISTRESS
CAN YOU CONTACT THE OTHERS SO THEY CAN GIVE US A HAND?
Y'KNOW... I'VE HAD DREAMS LIKE THIS. ONLY THEY WERE PLEASANT.
ROUGE CAPTURED SPY
Shattered
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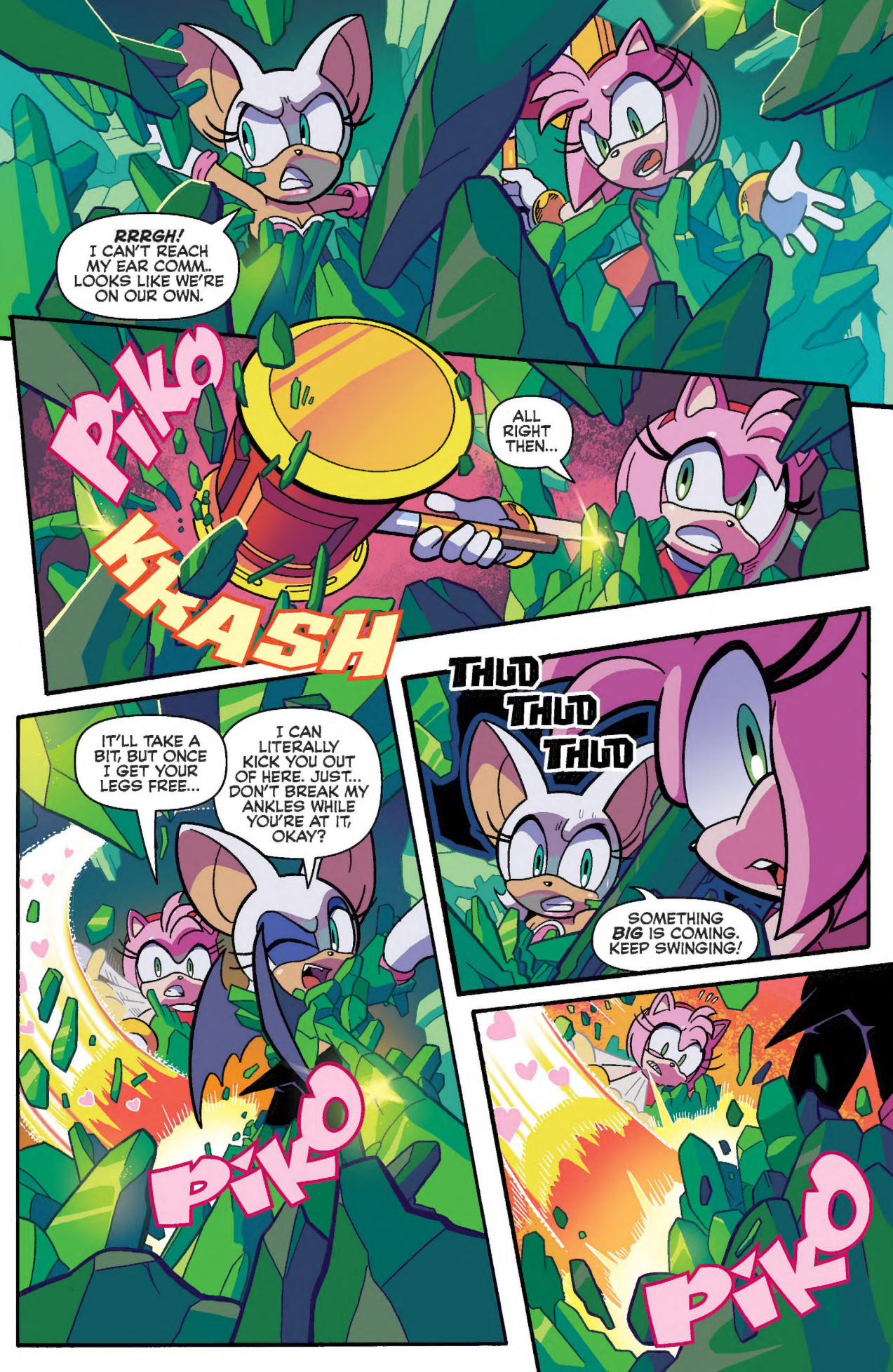
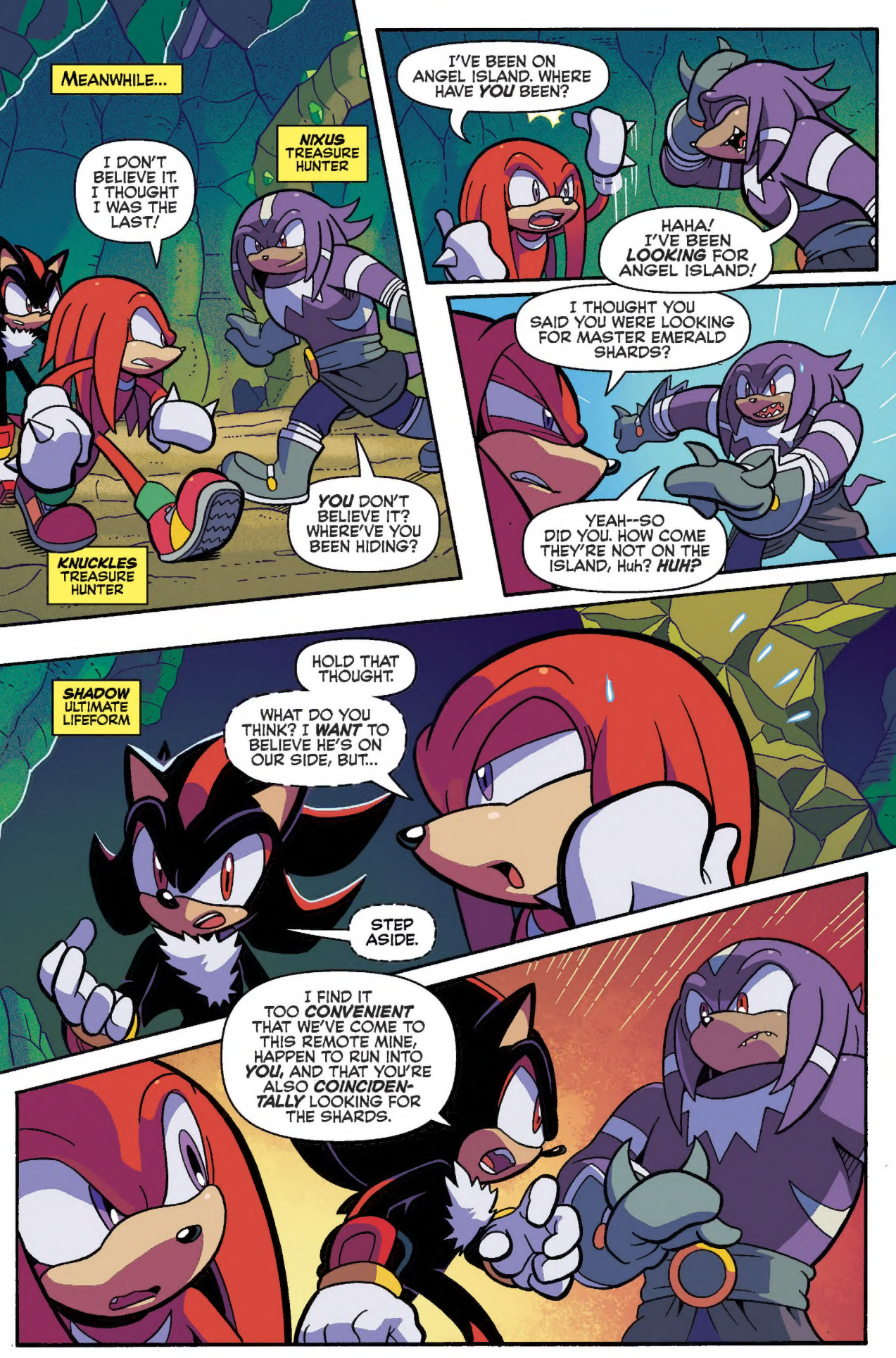
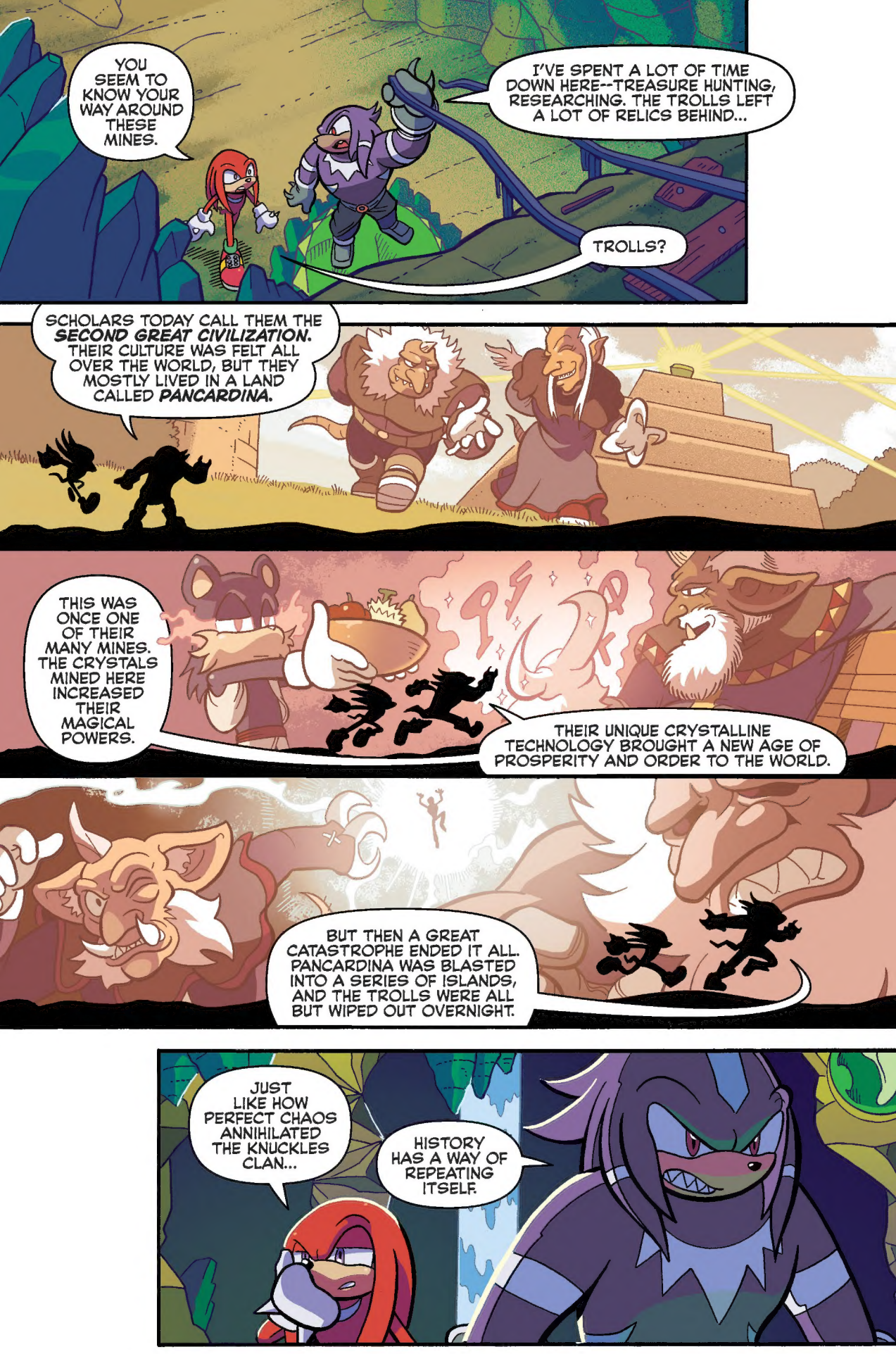

RRRGH! I CAN'T REACH MY EAR COMM.. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON OUR OWN.
PIKO KKASH
ALL RIGHT THEN...
IT'LL TAKE A BIT, BUT ONCE I GET YOUR LEGS FREE...
I CAN LITERALLY KICK YOU OUT OF HERE. JUST... DON'T BREAK MY ANKLES WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, OKAY?
PIKO
THUD THUD THUD
SOMETHING BIG IS COMING. KEEP SWINGING!
PIKO

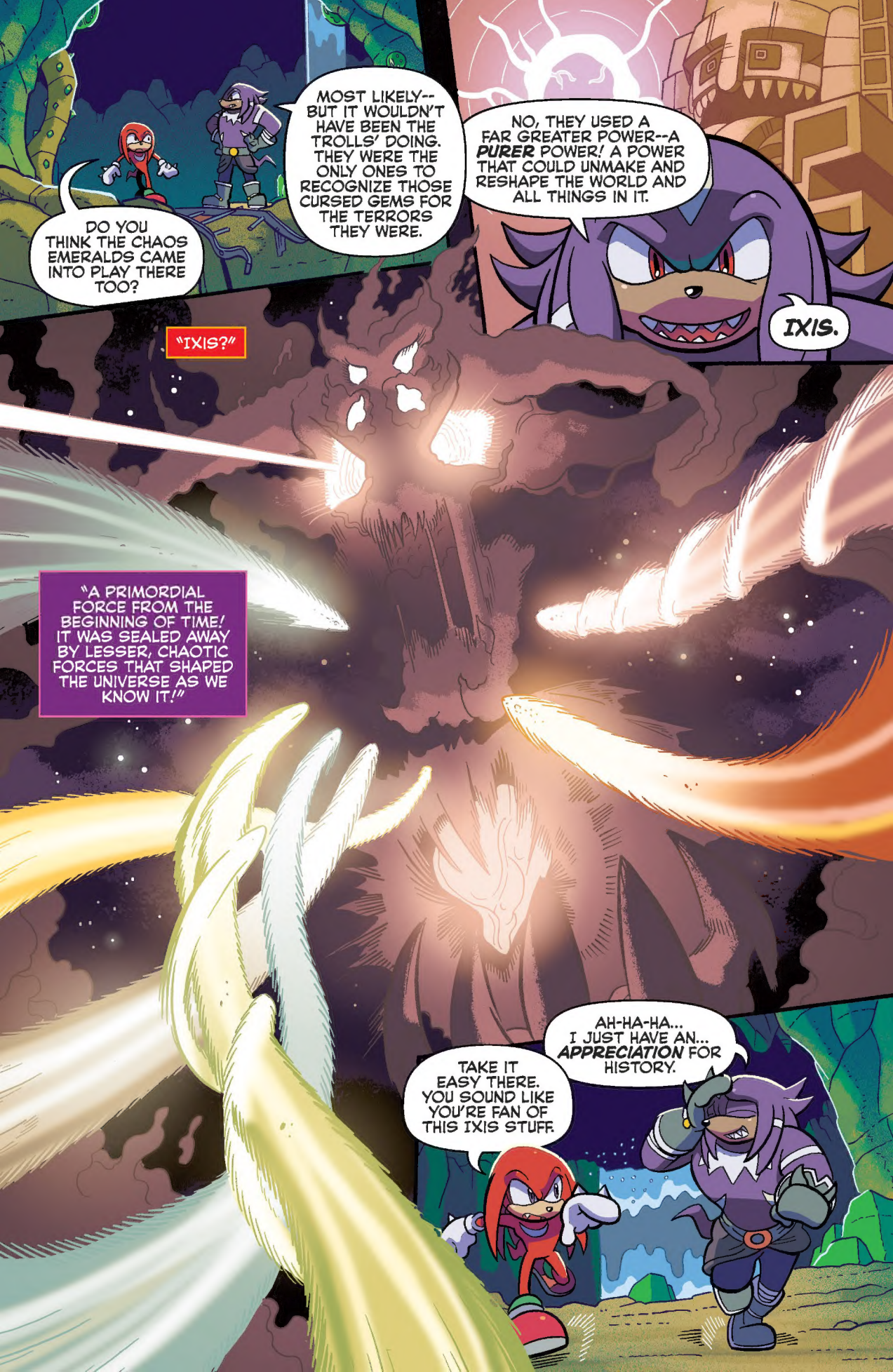

MEANWHILE...
NIXUS TREASURE HUNTER
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. I THOUGHT I WAS THE LAST!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT? WHERE'VE YOU BEEN HIDING?
KNUCKLES TREASURE HUNTER
I'VE BEEN ON ANGEL ISLAND. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
HAHA! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ANGEL ISLAND!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE LOOKING FOR MASTER EMERALD SHARDS?
YEAH--SO DID YOU. HOW COME THEY'RE NOT ON THE ISLAND, Huh? HUH?
SHADOW ULTIMATE LIFEFORM
HOLD THAT THOUGHT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? I WANT TO BELIEVE HE'S ON OUR SIDE, BUT...
STEP ASIDE.
I FIND IT TOO CONVENIENT THAT WE'VE COME TO THIS REMOTE MINE, HAPPEN TO RUN INTO YOU, AND THAT YOU'RE ALSO COINCIDENTALLY LOOKING FOR THE SHARDS.

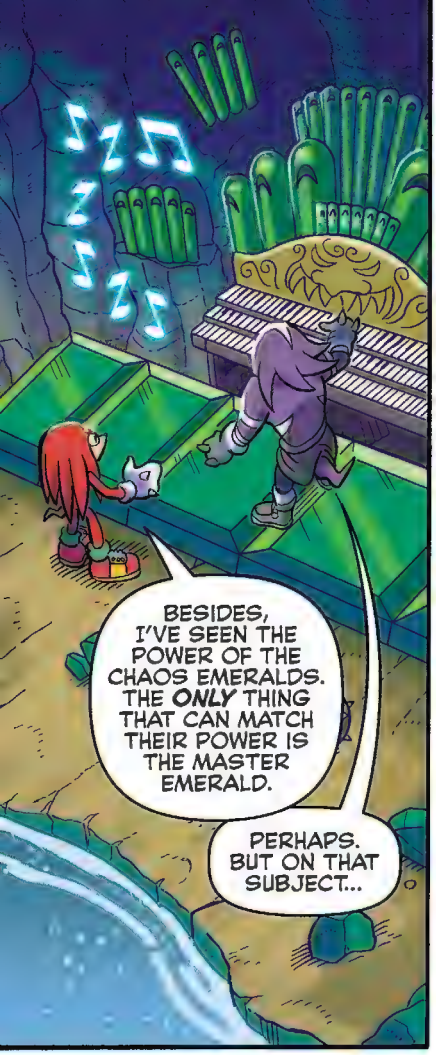
I COULD SAY THE SAME THING TO YOU, MAC.
I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE ALL THIS TIME AND YOU TWO JUST HAPPEN TO FIND ME? HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THIEVES PLANNING TO MUG ME?
I'M ASKING THE QUESTIONS HERE.
FINE. I DON'T KNOW HOW I WOUND UP OFF THE ISLAND, BUT I'VE BEEN TRAVELING THE WORLD LOOKING FOR A WAY BACK AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.
WHEN I STUMBLED UPON THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS, I STARTED LOOKING FOR MORE. I FIGURED THEY'D BE MY TICKET HOME.
I DON'T KNOW HOW I WOUND UP LOOKING AFTER THE MASTER EMERALD MYSELF. HE'S JUST LIKE ME-- BUT IN REVERSE!
ALSO CONVENIENT.
OR MAYBE IT'S A STROKE OF GOOD LUCK! JUST BECAUSE YOUR ONLY SURVIVING KIN IS A MURDEROUS ALIEN--!
...SORRY. THAT WASN'T FAIR.
Hmph. SUIT YOURSELF. WE NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR ECLIPSE ANYWAY.
SHADOW TO ROUGE. HAVE YOU AND AMY FOUND ANYTHING?
WHO?
EVIL SPACE ALIEN. Er... LONG STORY.

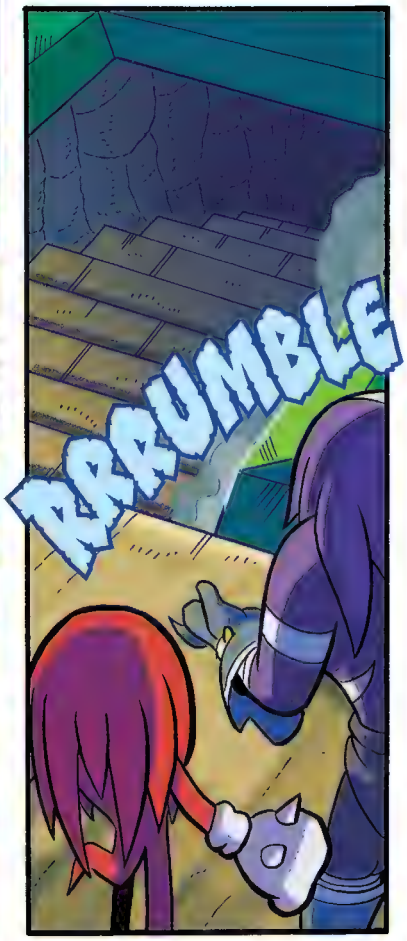
PIKO
THUD
THUD
THUD
VREEEEEE
KRISH
KA-THOOM
KRAK
ROUGE? DO YOU COPY?
KRAK
SHADOW TO OMEGA-- REPORT! OMEGA?!
VREEEEEE
PIKO

KA-THOOM
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
DOES ECLIPSE HAVE THE DARK ARMS WITH HIM?
IT'S NOT ECLIPSE! IT LOOKS LIKE OMEGA!
AND IT'S PACKING SOME SERIOUS FIRE-POWER!
STAND BY! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
ROUGE AND AMY ARE UNDER ATTACK, AND IT'S NOT ECLIPSE.
LET'S GO! NIXUS--COME WITH US! WE'LL BE SAFER ALL TOGETHER.
WHAT? NO! WE NEED TO REASSEMBLE THE MASTER EMERALD!
DO YOU WANT TO RISK THE SHARDS GETTING DAMAGED? OR THAT YOU'RE BEING LURED INTO AN AMBUSH?
I KNOW A HIDDEN PLACE WHERE WE CAN REASSEMBLE THE MASTER EMERALD. ONCE THAT'S DONE AND IT'S TUCKED AWAY SAFE, WE CAN COME TO THE RESCUE!
HE'S GOT A POINT...
GO AHEAD! WE'LL CATCH UP!
MAKE IT QUICK.


YOU SEEM TO KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND THESE MINES.
I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME DOWN HERE--TREASURE HUNTING, RESEARCHING. THE TROLLS LEFT A LOT OF RELICS BEHIND...
TROLLS?
SCHOLARS TODAY CALL THEM THE ***SECOND GREAT CIVILIZATION.*** THEIR CULTURE WAS FELT ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT THEY MOSTLY LIVED IN A LAND CALLED ***PANCARDINA.***
THIS WAS ONCE ONE OF THEIR MANY MINES. THE CRYSTALS MINED HERE INCREASED THEIR MAGICAL POWERS.
THEIR UNIQUE CRYSTALLINE TECHNOLOGY BROUGHT A NEW AGE OF PROSPERITY AND ORDER TO THE WORLD.
BUT THEN A GREAT CATASTROPHE ENDED IT ALL. PANCARDINA WAS BLASTED INTO A SERIES OF ISLANDS, AND THE TROLLS WERE ALL BUT WIPED OUT OVERNIGHT.
JUST LIKE HOW PERFECT CHAOS ANNIHILATED THE KNUCKLES CLAN...
HISTORY HAS A WAY OF REPEATING ITSELF.


DO YOU THINK THE CHAOS EMERALDS CAME INTO PLAY THERE TOO?
MOST LIKELY--BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE TROLLS' DOING. THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES TO RECOGNIZE THOSE CURSED GEMS FOR THE TERRORS THEY WERE.
NO, THEY USED A FAR GREATER POWER--A PURER POWER! A POWER THAT COULD UNMAKE AND RESHAPE THE WORLD AND ALL THINGS IN IT.
IXIS.
"IXIS?"
"A PRIMORDIAL FORCE FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME! IT WAS SEALED AWAY BY LESSER, CHAOTIC FORCES THAT SHAPED THE UNIVERSE AS WE KNOW IT!"
AH-HA-HA... I JUST HAVE AN... APPRECIATION FOR HISTORY.
TAKE IT EASY THERE. YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE FAN OF THIS IXIS STUFF.


BESIDES, I'VE SEEN THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS. THE ONLY THING THAT CAN MATCH THEIR POWER IS THE MASTER EMERALD.
PERHAPS. BUT ON THAT SUBJECT...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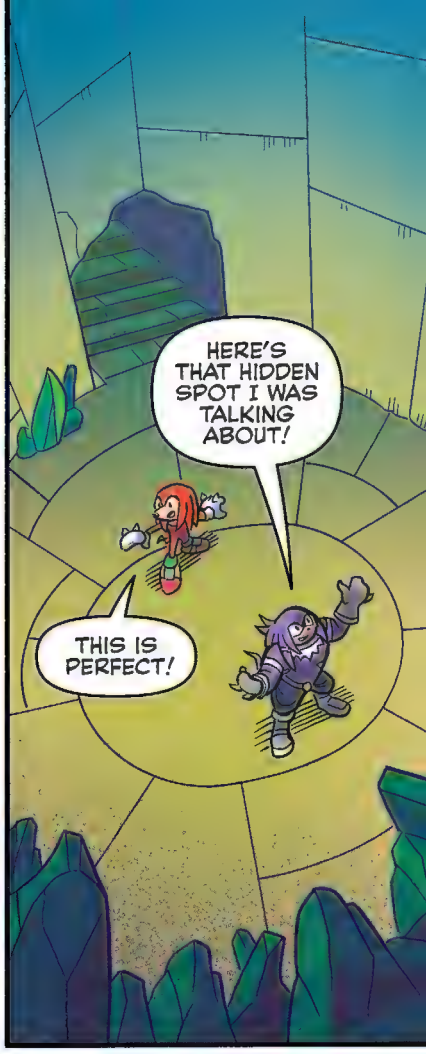

HERE'S THAT HIDDEN SPOT I WAS TALKING ABOUT!
THIS IS PERFECT!

QUICK! GIVE ME YOUR SHARDS SO I CAN REASSEMBLE THE MASTER EMERALD!
ACTUALLY...
...I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

HAHAHAHAHAHA!!
HA!!
HA!!
HA!
HA!!
HA!!
WALTER NAUGUS
TROLL WIZARD

MEANWHILE...
PIKO
KA-THOOM
KRAK
EEK!!
THIS ISN'T FAIR! THOSE CRYSTALS ARE MUCH STRONGER THAN THE ONES WE BROKE OUT OF!
IT SURE WOULD BE EASIER IF WE HAD SOME BACKUP!
POW
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL. PERFECT DRAMATIC TIMING, HANDSOME.
I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES--NO THANKS TO YOU. I HAD TO RELY ON A DIFFERENT HEDGEHOG THIS TIME.
WHERE'S KNUCKLES?
HE STAYED BEHIND TO FIX THE MASTER EMERALD WITH THE HELP OF ANOTHER OF HIS KIND NAMED "NIXUS."
ANOTHER...? SINCE WHEN--?
FORGET THAT THING! I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON! KNUCKLES IS IN DANGER! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM! NOW!
IT'S OMEGA! AND HE'S GETTING BACK UP!
KZZT
THAT CHAOS SPEAR WILL KEEP HIM DISABLED FOR THE MOMENT. ROUGE, TRACK THE MASTER EMERALD. WE FIND IT, WE FIND KNUCKLES. AMY--EXPLAIN.
IT'S GOTTA BE WALTER NAUGUS! HE CAN DO ALL SORTS OF CRAZY CRYSTAL STUFF! PLUS HE REALLY LIKES SHAPE-SHIFTING TO TRICK OTHER PEOPLE INTO GETTING WHAT HE WANTS!

"AND HE'D DEFINITELY WANT THE MASTER EMERALD!"
Y-YOU'RE... YOU'RE NOT...BUT HOW DID...?
I OVER-HEARD THE BAT-WOMAN EARLIER. AND I WAS TELLING THE TRUTH WHEN I SAID I HAD AN APPRECIATION FOR HISTORY. TOGETHER WITH A LITTLE BIT OF CLEVER WORDPLAY, IT WASN'T HARD TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANTED TO HEAR.
I WAS WORRIED I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PULL OFF A CONVINCING TRANSFORMATION. YET I COULDN'T RISK DAMAGING THE SHARDS IN A CONFRONTATION.
IT WAS ENOUGH FOR YOU THOUGH, WASN'T IT? GULLIBLE FOOL! HAHAHA!
I'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THE OTHERS. IF YOUR STRIPED FRIEND FINDS THEM ALIVE, THEY'LL STILL BE DESTROYED BY MY NEWEST MINION!
NOW I SHALL ASSEMBLE THE MASTER EMERALD AND USE ITS POWER TO REKINDLE MY MAGIC!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP, KNUCKLES! I'LL LET YOU LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE MY GLORIOUS RETURN TO FORM AND THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR FRIENDS!
HAHAHAHAHAHA!!

CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
HAHA! YOU MAY KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE EMERALDS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH THEM!
I'LL ADMIT, I MAY HAVE BEEN A TRIFLE OVER-EAGER AT THE LAST MOMENT...

Ahhh, BUT YOU KNOW HOW TO FIX THE MASTER EMERALD, YES? WHILE I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR MIND, I CAN AT LEAST MAKE YOU SPILL YOUR SECRETS!
NGHK! N-NO--!
RARGH!!
KRASH

SMASH
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME WITH ME! YOUR FRIENDS ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES EVEN AS--
AHH!
EVEN AS WE SPEAK! DO YOU VALUE YOUR REVENGE MORE THAN THEIR LIVES?!

...AMY...
OOF!
SHUNK
HURRY-HURRY-HURRY...!

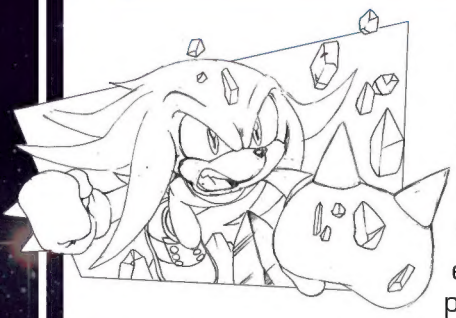
RAAAAAUGH!!
WHAM WHAM WHAM
IT'S OKAY. SAVE AMY. SAVE TEAM DARK. GET THEM TO HELP ME BUST DOWN THE WALL. STOP HIM. SAVE THE MASTER EMERALD.
I CAN DO THIS. THIS IS DOABLE. JUST HURRY AND FIND--
KNUCKLES!
Oh, HEY! YOU'RE ALREADY RESCUED! THAT'S GREAT!

KNUCKLES! ARE YOU OKAY?! I THINK THAT NIXUS GUY--!
HE'S A TROLL WIZARD. I KNOW. I GOT PLAYED LIKE A CHUMP--AGAIN.
AWWW, BUT YOU MAKE SUCH A RELIABLE CHUMP!
GEE, THANKS. WHERE'S YOUR ROBOT BUDDY? I NEED HIS HELP TO GET THROUGH TO THE MASTER EMERALD!
IT SEEMS HE WAS ENCHANTED BY THE SAME WIZARD WHO FOOLED YOU. BRACE YOURSELVES. HE'S--
KA-
THOOM
BOOM

HE'S HERE.
OMEGA --TURNED TO THE DARK SIDE!
WALTER NAUGUS --PIECING TOGETHER THE MASTER EMERALD!
KNUCKLES & AMY --RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
IT'S A RACE TO THE FINISH NEXT TIME IN SONIC UNIVERSE! UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON "PANIC IN THE SKY" IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that's trolling around at the speed of sound!



Wizards and Robots and Shards, Oh My!

Nixus is actually NAUGUS?! WHAAAAAAAT?! Okay, okay. I'm sure A LOT of you clever readers saw that coming, but Knux sure didn't and now the Master Emerald shards are in the hands of the evil wizard troll!

With the enhanced powers of Crystal Omega against them, do our heroes have any chance of completing their mission, or will Walter Naugus succeed in reclaiming his powers and leave Angel Island to fall to fiery inferno?

More answers and excitement next time! Until then, enjoy some awesome concept artwork by penciller Adam Bryce Thomas!

Adios, amigos!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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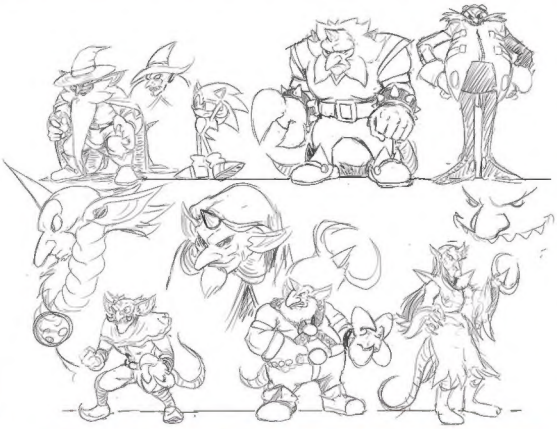

ABOVE: Ancient troll designs and height comparisons by penciller Adam Bryce Thomas.

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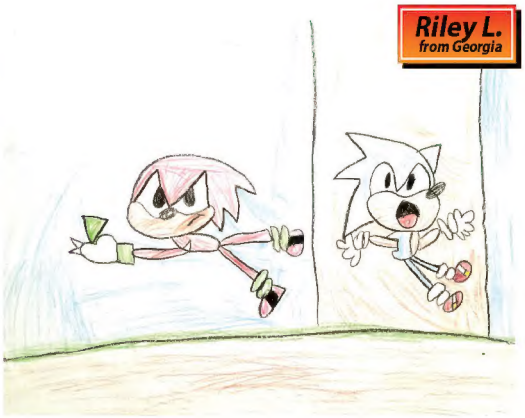

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GETTING YOUR "JUST DESSERTS" OR THEY SEE ME TROLLIN', THEY HATIN'

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